

REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination (Form PTO/SB/30) is transmitted herewith to obtain entry and examination of the claims with the amendments indicated in the above Listing of Claims. This action is taken with the understanding, from a phone interview with Examiner Len Tran on March 8, 2005, that such amendments would distinguish over the art relied upon in rejection of the previous claims and would avoid the rejections. Thus, it is anticipated that, unless more pertinent art is discovered, the application will be placed in condition for allowance.

In support of an allowance, it is noted that the claim amendments call for compression of the resilient members to obtain variation of the electrode positions, if needed, as their electrodes are moved together, whereas the allegedly comparable members 18, 20 of the Heideman reference US 4,825,031 are extended in their action as their electrodes are moved together.

To maintain applicant's previous position of record, the remarks made in the previous two responses, received by the PTO on November 23, 2004 and February 8, 2005, respectively, are incorporated herein by reference and submitted as a basis for the continuing traverse of the previous prior art rejections of the claims.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the issues raised in the Office Action and to place this case in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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